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CYPHER TELEGRAM (C.T.P.)

From Government of India, External Affairs Department.

To Secretary of State for India.

Dated New Delhi, 23.55 hours, 7th February, 1944.

Received 05.00 hours, 8th February, 1944.

1408.

Foreign Office telegram 143 to Cairo repeated to India as No.2720 February 1st talks of the three members of Chinese Goodwill Mission returning via Tehran "going on to Calcutta" from Iraq.

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2. Are we to understand that they are not coming to Delhi?

~~Mr Palmer~~

I think Mr Morley has been dealing with this

Yes

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CYPHER TELEGRAM.

From Government of India, External Affairs Dept.,

To Cairo,

Repeated to Secretary of State for India.

Dated New Delhi, 13.35 hours, 25th November, 1943.

Received 10.30 hours, 25th November, 1943.

IMMEDIATE.
10258.

Addressed to Cairo No. 403 repeated Secretary of State for India.

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Your telegram 2233/DEYOU 157 November 23rd. Chinese Goodwill Mission.

Copy below

Regret too late to postpone journey. Mission was scheduled to leave Karachi this morning.

REGD. POL. DEPT.
25 NOV 1943
INDIA OFFICE

Have informed Mr Patterson Morgan. (F E Dept) F.O. He imagines that Cairo was having difficulty over accommodation.
PA.
25/XI.

Mr Palmer

For information only!

Please return/NO to Tel Bch.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CAIRO

No.1894 D. 12.30 p.m. 24th November, 1943

24th November, 1943

Repeated to New Delhi No.

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~~IMMEDIATE~~

DEYOU SUPERINTENDENT SERIES

PERSONAL AND MOST SECRET.

Your telegram No.2233 [of 23rd November: Chinese Mission].

Mission have already started from Calcutta. We have been urging them to come on as soon as possible, so as to arrive before the Parliamentary Recess and the Xmas holidays, and we cannot very well now have them held at Karachi let alone Basra, for what may be weeks.

2. We appreciate the difficulty at finding accommodation, but cannot Chinese Chargé d'Affaires put them up ? They will not expect official entertainment, and would probably be grateful for a complete rest. They could be sent on to Lisbon as soon as possible.

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CYPHER TELEGRAM.

From Government of India, External Affairs Dept.

To Secretary of State for India.

Repeated to Baghdad, Basra and Cairo.

Dated New Delhi, 23.00 hours, 22nd Nov., 1943.

Recd. 22.15 hours, 22nd November, 1943.

10165.

Addressed to Secretary of State for India, repeated to Ambassador Baghdad, British Consul Basra and Ambassador Cairo No. 398.

6217 Your telegram No. 26681 November 21st to India only.

2. Chinese goodwill mission to the United Kingdom is scheduled to arrive Basra November 25th by B.O.A.C. and leave next morning for Cairo.

REGD. POL. DEPT.
23 NOV 1943
INDIA OFFICE

1) I have informed Mr G.P. Young. F.O. by telephone

2). Registry: please send a copy to Mr A. Morley

25 NOV 1943

3). PA 24/11

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India Office
(R. Peel Esq)

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MINISTER OF STATE
RESIDENT, CAIRO.

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No.1822.
9th November, 1943.   D. 12.40 a.m. 10th November, 1943.

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Zo. told me by phone that they were leaving Chungking on the 24th

Chinese Mission, consisting of five delegates and one secretary is leaving Calcutta on the 24th November for Cairo on the way to the (Middle East.) ? UK

2. It is essential that they should arrive here as soon as possible after the 1st December.

3. Please arrange for them to be accorded priority for journey by air as soon as possible after their arrival at Cairo.

4. Mission will be accompanied by Eric Watts, Press Attaché, and Thomas Chiao, Reuters correspondent at Chungking. If arrangements can be made for these two to fly with the Mission to this country, this would be advantageous, though not essential.

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12 NOV 1943
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1) ~~copy to India (Fast air mail)~~

16 NOV 1943

2) Mr Morley
Information Dept
to see.
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3) P.A.
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DRAFT TELEGRAM

From: Secretary of State for India,

To: Government of India,
External Affairs Department.

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26681.

Secret. My telegram 26012 of 12th November. Understand that Chinese Mission have already arrived Calcutta. Foreign Office would be grateful if you could ~~would~~ notify British officials ~~on the~~ at stopping places between India and ~~route that they will take to U.K.~~ of Cairo & probable dates of their ~~their imminent~~ arrival.

Copy to:

F.O. (Mr. G.P. Young)
C.O. (~~Mr~~ Paskin)

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Sir L. Wakely.

The F.O. have been taken by surprise by the mission's too early arrival & have asked if we could despatch this urgently. They themselves do not seem to know their exact route to UK. but hope that ~~th~~ India will know. It is all rather slipshod & untidy.

19/XI/43.

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DRAFT TELEGRAM

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From: Secretary of State for India.

To: Government of India,
External Affairs Department.

26012

CYPHER XXX

SECRET. My telegram 21293 of 16th September. Chinese Goodwill Mission. I am informed that they now propose to leave Chungking on or about 24th November.

Copy to:-

F.O.(Mr.G.P. Young).

16 NOV 1943

Information Dept.

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Sir L. Wakely.
May this issue please? I have drafted it after a 'phone conversation with Mr Young - F.O.
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D.O.No.338/V. 28th September 1943.

Enclosure to the Private Secretary to the Viceroy's letter No. 27-G.G./43 dated 12.10.43. to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State.

copy to ~~F.O.~~ (Mr E. P. Young).

5 NOV 1943

(3) (2)

Dear Lord Linlithgow,

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd instant
5302. || about the impending visit of the Chinese Goodwill
Mission to Karachi. I will certainly do what I can to
entertain them, though perhaps they are not likely
to spend more than a night in Karachi and may be making
an early start on the following day. Since "Madame"
4340 || rejected my hospitality (and on her return journey I
4798 || was not even informed till after she had left Karachi),
I am a little diffident about offering accommodation
to officials of the Chinese Government, but I presume
146/43 this will not be expected in the present instance. I
will get into touch with the local Chinese officer
of highest rank as soon as I get more definite
information from the External Affairs Department.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. H. Dow.

His Excellency
The Viceroy and Governor-General of India.

1) ~~Mr Peel~~ TO see. 4/11

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3) P.A. 4/11/43.

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DRAFT TELEGRAM

From: Secretary of State for India

To: Government of India, External Affairs Dept.

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21293

Copy to F.O. (Mr. G.P. Young, with reference to his letter dated 13th September to Mr. Peel).

SEP 1943

Chinese Goodwill Mission of nine or ten persons will shortly visit this country in return for visit by British Parliamentary Mission to China last autumn. They are expected to leave ~~by air from~~ Chungking by air between about 20th and 30th October, travelling via Calcutta, Cairo and Lisbon. Chinese Government will arrange accommodation at stopping places through their representatives there. Grateful if you would ~~accord~~ arrange for Mission to be accorded all possible facilities and assistance during their halt in and passage across India. Exact date of their movements ~~and names of personnel~~ will be telegraphed ~~when known.~~ later.

2. Above arrangements are provisional since official invitation has not yet issued. All publicity should therefore be avoided until a formal announcement has been made.

Mr Peel.
For issue.
15/9/43.

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Please draft
a telegram accordingly
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(F 4719/2610/10) FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.
13th September, 1943.

Copy to India
(with enclosures)
by fast air mail

Dear Peel.

I enclose copies of Chungking telegrams Nos. 842, 925A, 938 and 944, from which you see that arrangements are being made for a visit to this country by a Chinese Goodwill Mission of eight, plus a secretary, making nine in all, leaving Chungking between about the 20th and 30th October. They may also be accompanied by T. Chao, Reuters Chinese agent in Chungking and our Press Attaché there, Erik Watts.

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The arrangements at present are purely provisional, but we should be grateful if you would be good enough to notify the Government of India on that basis and ask them to issue instructions

RECD. POL. DEPT.
14 SEP 1943
INDIA OFFICE

/ for

R.T. Peel, Esq., C.B.E., M.C.,
India Office.

for the Mission to be accorded all possible facilities and assistance during their stay in and passage across India.

The official invitation has not yet been issued and we should therefore like all publicity to be avoided until a formal announcement is made.

I also enclose a copy of a telegram we have sent to our Embassies at Cairo and Lisbon.

Yours sincerely

G.P. Young

(G.P. Young)

[CYPHER] DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

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FROM CHUNGKING TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H. Seymour.
No. 842.
7th August 1943.

D. 1.30 p.m. 7th August 1943.
R. 9.25 p.m. 8th August 1943.

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Your telegram No. 618.

Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs tells me that composition of goodwill Mission to London will probably be settled in the next few days. The present idea is that they will leave about the end of September after session of People's Rights Council which is to be held in September.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM CHUNGKING TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H. Seymour. No. 925 A	D. 7.10 p.m. 4th September, 1943.
2nd September, 1943.	R. 2.50 p.m. 4th September, 1943.

Confidential.

Your telegram No. 762.

Present position is that Chiang Kai-shek does not wish any information given out as to the composition of the mission, as they will in theory represent P.P.C. which only meets about the middle of this month.

2. In fact, the composition of the mission now proposed is

(1) Wang Shih-Chieh
(2) T.F. Chiang
(3) Han Li-Wu
(4) T.T. Hsiao
(5) Chien Tuan-Sheng
(6) Wan Yuin-Wu (manager of Commercial Press)
and one other.

3. It is thought that (1) may fall out, but I hope not, as he would be most suitable.

4. In conversation with the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs I expressed surprise with regard to (5) saying that he had the reputation of being very critical of the British war effort, and suspicious of British policy. Dr. Wu said he certainly had a very critical turn of mind, not only about Britain, but that he believed him to be sincerely desirous of Sino-British co-operation and that if he went on the Mission, he would no doubt be much impressed by what he saw and would become good influence on Sino-British relations. I expressed scepticism about this.

5. The delegation if composed as now planned will be a good one, and I would not press the question of (5) further. He is admittedly a difficult customer, but there is something to be said for not confining our preaching entirely to the converted.

6. Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs stressed that he was not authorised to give any information about the membership of the Mission, but the names are pretty well known already. He should, however, not be quoted in any talks with the Chinese.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.1.

FROM CHUNGKING TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir H. Seymour,
No. 938
8th September 1943

D. 3.27 p.m. 8th September 1943
R. 10.10 p.m. 8th September 1943

My telegram No. 925A.

Composition of mission has again been altered and it is now likely to consist of four representatives of the People's [grp. undec.] Council and four of the Settlement plus secretary from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, nine persons in all. Persons named in my telegram No. 925 are all still probable starters. I regret increase in personnel but there is good deal of jealousy amongst organisations who wish to be represented.

2. Party cannot now start till between October 20th and October 30th. I have pointed out that this will get them to London at an [grp. undec.] time but they say that this cannot be helped.

3. They hoped to stay in England about 6 weeks.

4. Journey arrangements. They propose to make a short stay in Calcutta to buy overcoats etc. They also wish to spend 3 days or so in Cairo and two days in Lisbon. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will arrange accommodation at these stopping places through the Chinese representatives there.

5. The party may wish to take with them T. Chao of Reuters. If they ask for this may I agree?

6. I am anxious that the party should arrival [sic? arrive] without any avoidable troubles or adjustments on the way. [grp. undec.] large numbers now involved I suggest Press Attaché Watts who speaks fluent Chinese should accompany them.

7. All that seems to be required from British or Indian authorities are ordinary courtesies at the places named. You may wish to warn the authorities concerned of these provisional arrangements. I assume necessary action about air priorities will be taken in London.

O.T.P.

[CYPHER]　DEPARTMENTAL No.1.

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FROM CHUNGKING TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H. Seymour
No. 944
9th September 1943.　D. 3.35 p.m.　9th September 1943.
R. 6.12 p.m.　9th September 1943.

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My telegrams Nos. 925A and 938.

Number seven will probably be [grp. undec. ? Hu] Lin, publisher Ta[grp. undec. ? Kung] Pao. For additional member number eight (my telegram No. 938) Wen Yuan Hing is mentioned. This latter appointment would be made so that legislative Yuan would be represented as well as Executive Yuan.

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(CYPHER) DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CAIRO NO. 1453
LISBON NO.1474.

September 11th, 1943. D. 5.a.m. September 12th,1943.

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Chinese Goodwill Mission of nine or ten persons will shortly come to this country in return for visit by British Parliamentary Mission to China last autumn. It is expected they will leave Chungking between about October 20th and October 30th. We hope to arrange for them to travel by air via Calcutta, Cairo and Lisbon. Please accord them on their way through all possible facilities and assistance. Exact date of their movements will be telegraphed later.

2. The above arrangements are purely provisional and all publicity should be avoided until a formal announcement has been made.

[OTP].

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